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DATA RE GREEK DELEGATION HEAD

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST CONTAINED PARA THREE REFTEL,
BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON THE HEAD OF THE GREEK DELEGATION,
MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT CONSTANTINE LASKARIS, FOLLOWS.
LASKARIS WAS BORN IN ATHENS IN 1918. HIS FATHER GEORGE
WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF GREECE'S TOP LABOR CONFEDERATIONS,
I.E. THE CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL GREEK WORKERS (GSEE),
AND SERVED FOR MANY YEARS BOTH AS SECRETARY GENERAL
FOR THE RAILWAYMEN'S FEDERATION AND THE GSEE ITSELF.
AS THE SON OF SUCH A PIONEER TRADE UNIONIST, CONSTANTINE
SOON BECAME ACTIVE HIMSELF IN TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES.
FOLLOWING WARTIME SERVICE BOTH IN RESISTANCE
ACTIVITIES IN GREECE AND AS A MEMBER OF THE FREE GREEK
ARMED FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HE BECAME AFFILIATED
IN 1950 WITH THE GSEE AS A MEMBER OF ITS PROFESSIONAL
STAFF WORKING PRINCIPALLY IN THE AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS. IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES, HE REPRESENTED
THE GREEK LABOR MOVEMENT AT DOZENS OF CONVENTIONS
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ABROAD. HE SERVED FOR NINE YEARS AS AN ADVISOR TO

THE OECD IN PARIS AND FOR THREE YEARS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF LABOR COMMISSION OF THE EEC. IN 1968, HE TERMINATED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE GSEE AND DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS COMPLETED HIS LEGAL STUDIES AND WAS AWARDED HIS LAW DEGREE IN 1972.

2. AFTER THE FALL OF THE GREEK MILITARY REGIME IN JULY 1974, HE WAS QUICKLY NAMED AS MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS. IN NOVEMBER 1974 HE WAS ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE GREEK PARLIAMENT, FROM THE NEW DEMOCRACY (CARAMANLIS' PARTY) SLATE, AND WAS ONCE AGAIN NAMED AS EMPLOYMENT MINISTER IN THE CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT WHICH FOLLOWED THOSE ELECTIONS. HE UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH FAIRLY WELL BUT NORMALLY DOES NOT CHOOSE TO SPEAK IT. HE IS HOWEVER FAIRLY FLUENT IN FRENCH. KUBISCH

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